

WENT WITH A BIFF

Mysterious Explosion in the Store at No. 109 Division Street.

FRONT BROKEN INTO BITS

John Blanton Narrowly Escaped Death—Bigger's Stock Badly Damaged—What Was It?

Last evening at 5:50 John Blanton, a tinsmith, was passing C.A. Bigger's furniture store, at No. 109 South Division street, when a terrific explosion occurred within the building and the glass front was shattered into smithereens. Mr. Blanton's face was cut by the flying glass and the next instant flames of fire burst from the building. Mr. Bigger was not in the building at the time, and does not know what caused the explosion and fire. An alarm was turned in from box No. 312 and the department subdued the fire after a part of the stock had been burned. The damage could not be estimated on account of darkness. The building is owned by Augustus Barstow and is insured for \$1,000.

City News in Brief

Will Corlan and Edward Stuart were on trial yesterday for stealing a wheel of fortune from the West Michigan fair grounds. It is probable that the case will be dismissed, as Robert Minnie, who made complaint, does not own the wheel.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Egan of Cascade, mother of Mrs. John Caulfield of this city, will be held from her home at 10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Egan has been a resident of Cascade for the last forty years.

Bob Hansen, who has handled cigars on the roof for Cady, Hall & Barnhart during the last four years, has resigned and taken a similar position with the Star Cigar company in Detroit.

John C. Dunton yesterday sold the Parker residence at No. 80 Jefferson avenue to J. J. Puchout of Pennsylvania. The judge purchased it for his daughter, Mrs. Dr. H. A. King of this city.

A. dea Hrabar of Thomas street and R. Viacker of Alpine avenue will leave tomorrow morning for New York, where they will take passage on the steamship Spasmodium for Rotterdam.

The New State Bank of Michigan has met with a marked success, especially in the savings department. The bank is open Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Superintendent of Police Carr and Captain Johnson are making the annual inspection of the patrolmen's winter clothing. The policemen will soon don their dress coats and black hats.

The Rev. James Thompson of Mackinac City has accepted a call from the Immanuel Presbyterian church on Madison avenue, and will assume his charge within a few days.

The Moorhead union, organized last week, will be informally received by the Central W. C. T. U. at its meeting tomorrow afternoon in Good Templars' hall.

The burning of a chimney on the Fourth National bank building called out the fire department at 7:15 last evening. No damage.

One man who is selling tickets for the charity concert will add \$5 worth of tickets in the Mackinac hotel and \$5 worth in the Baker's union.

Street Commissioner Kniffin employed a large gang of men yesterday repairing a bridge over Coldbrook creek on Carlton street.

Elvin D. Swarthout was admitted to practice in the United States court yesterday on motion of James H. Campbell.

The Rev. Washington Gardner of Albion will address the afternoon meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building next Sunday.

The Grand Rapids Pharmaceutical society will meet at Hazeltine & Perkins' drug store this evening.

If you would see a swell overcoat step into Hazeltine & Perkins. Extra long, full back, wide velvet collar.

One case of books from Rotterdam was cleared at the customs house yesterday for Luan & Posthuma.

The October meeting of the Grand Rapids Press club will be held at 7:30 this evening.

The annual meeting of the U. B. A. house has been postponed until October 17.

The board of education will hold its October meeting next Saturday night.

Born—Saturday, September 30, to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Randall, a boy.

This city department will be kept open every night next week.

Personal Mention.
Mrs. F. W. King of Duluth, Massachusetts, who has been visiting her parents left yesterday with her sister, Miss Lillian Sullivan, for the world's fair. From there they will return to Duluth.

William Mahar of Union street, Mrs. William Heiden of Island street and Mr. and Mrs. Uhl of Port Huron left yesterday morning for the world's fair.

E. F. Wright, formerly editor of the Iowa Sentinel, but now in the tax department of the auditor general's office at Lansing, was in the city last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Youngblood and Allen Moyer will leave today for Charlotte to attend the marriage of their brother, Boyden Moyer.

Peter Doyle has returned from his visit to the world's fair and started for Ann Arbor yesterday to resume his medical studies.

P. H. O'Brien and R. C. Levenworth will go to Detroit today to attend the annual convention of National funeral directors.

Miss Annie Thomas of New Haven, Connecticut, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dewey of Fountain street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Davis of Gloucester, Massachusetts, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Davis of Fountain street.

FOR A NIGHT SCHOOL

Workingmen Out of Work Ask for Its Opening.

THAT THEY MAY ENTER THEM

Superintendent Chalmers Thinks the Schools Cannot be Opened Before November 1.

Owing to the large number of young men out of employment, the fall it is requested that the night schools open earlier than usual in order that they may improve their time by securing an education. Many of them are ready and anxious to begin attending school now, but the board of education has not made preparations for opening the schools yet. When asked about the matter yesterday by a reporter for THE HERALD, Superintendent Chalmers said he did not think the board would be ready to open the night schools before November 1, as no action can be taken until the next meeting of the board which will be held Saturday night. The matter will then be referred to the committee on schools, and it will be some time before it will be ready to report and have the arrangements completed.

Commander McCabe's Decision.

C. J. Post, an active member of the local Sons of Veterans, received a circular yesterday from James B. McCabe, commander in chief of the order, giving his decision on an important matter that had been referred to him. At the national encampment held in Cincinnati the age of eligibility was raised from 18 to 21 years. The question as to whether a member who had been suspended for non-payment of dues prior to the action of the late encampment could be reinstated by complying with the rules of the order, was referred to the commander for his opinion. In the opinion of the commander, the law governing the admission of members applies to all persons and an applicant for reinstatement cannot be admitted under 21 years of age, notwithstanding his former membership.

New Corporations.

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 3.—During the past week the following corporations filed articles of association with the secretary of state: Buchanan screen works, Hillsdale, \$40,000; Muskegon Publishing company, Muskegon, \$10,000; Saginaw Brewing company, Saginaw, \$50,000; the Dryden-Amien-Ross Clock company, Grand Rapids, \$25,000; The Fair Clothing company, Ludington, \$5,000; Detroit Jockey club, capital increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000; West Coast Manufacturing company, Jackson, \$50,000; the J. S. Stephenson Carriage company, Port Huron, \$5,000; the Anderson Manufacturing company, Port Huron, \$5,000; Escanaba & Gladstone Transportation company, Escanaba, \$50,000; Green Lake Park association, Dorr, \$700.

Adrian Man's Luck.

ADRIAN, Mich., Oct. 3.—Ex-Alderman B. S. Barnes, formerly president of the Adrian furniture factory and several years ago an unsuccessful candidate for mayor here, has been unanimously chosen mayor of Poncha, one of the new towns of the Cherokee strip. He was invested with power to appoint all city officers and named John W. Dalton of Madison, for several years chairman of the Lenawee county board of supervisors and a member of the legislature, city treasurer. Both are republicans.

Grain Elevator Burned.

SOUTH LYON, Mich., Oct. 3.—The elevator and contents belonging to J. E. Just & Company, bankers here and at Ionia, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. It is not definitely known how the conflagration started, but it is thought it commenced in the engine room. The loss is estimated at about \$8,000. Insurance unknown.

Robbed of \$600.

COLEMANVILLE, Mich., Oct. 3.—The jewelry store of W. J. Till was broken into by burglars Monday night and about \$600 worth of watches, jewelry and silver were taken. C. W. Vermilyea's store, in the same building, was visited, and a lot of pocket knives and razors taken. The thieves effected an entrance through the back window.

State News in Brief.

An unknown man held up C. D. Lawton, agent for the Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon railroad at Pompeii Sunday night and robbed him of \$40.

Deputy Game Wardens Ford and Rivard made a trip through Alger county last week and bagged three dogs that were chasing deer.

The Citizens' Exchange bank of Au Sable will be consolidated with the Lower County Savings bank of that place.

A furniture factory to cost \$30,000 and employing 150 men will be removed to Holland on payment of a bonus of \$3,000.

Dr. Charles S. Mack succeeds Dr. D. A. MacLachlan as secretary of the homeopathic department of Ann Arbor.

S. F. Gould of Maple Valley has a corn stock twelve feet, six inches high, with an ear seven feet from the roots.

An iron mine has been discovered near Iron River that even at the surface assays 70 per cent of the metal.

The old Capitol Wagon company plant in Lansing will be occupied with the bending works of Pratt Bros.

L. S. Dunham of Concord has recently imported seventy-five Shropshire sheep from England.

Dr. Taylor of Bancroft has a team of trotting dogs that made a half mile in fifty-six seconds.

Counters of the new quarters are out at Leesmore. They are imperfect in the making.

The Kalamazoo Association of Congregational churches will meet at Adams October 17.

The house of John Popples of Fremont was burned Monday with all its contents.

The barn attached to L. Knickerbocker's hotel at Maple Rapids was destroyed by fire Saturday night, and in it were contained a large quantity of hay and grain.

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